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CALLING ALL CAT LOVERS; COUNTY REDUCES ADOPTION FEES

Animal Services Cuts Adoption Fee to Promote Adoption of Homeless Adult Cats

The County Department of Animal Services' three shelters are overflowing with adult cats. As an adoption incentive, the Department is reducing the adoption fee to \$25 for any cat age one or older. The adoption fee includes altering, vaccinations, microchipping and leukemia testing before pets can go home with new families.

"This incentive offers a great way for people to add a new family member or two and help to join community efforts to reduce the number of homeless or unwanted pets," said Board of Supervisor's Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price.

"Each year from April through October, Animal Services cares for hundreds of litters of kittens, and many adopters prefer kittens to older cats, so we decided to lower the price for our adult cats to encourage more adoptions," said Dawn Danielson, Director of Animal Services.

Danielson said adult cats are available in every color, shape, size and breed and that the selection is endless.

"I can't remember when we've ever had this many great, adoptable adult cats at one time. Older cats are generally considered less destructive, easier to train and care for, more affectionate, more comfortable when left alone and are an ideal choice for a single pet household," Danielson said

This special adoption fee will only last through the end of July.

The County shelters are located in Mission Valley, Carlsbad and Bonita. Visit the Animal Services Web site at www.sddac.com for hours of operation and locations.

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